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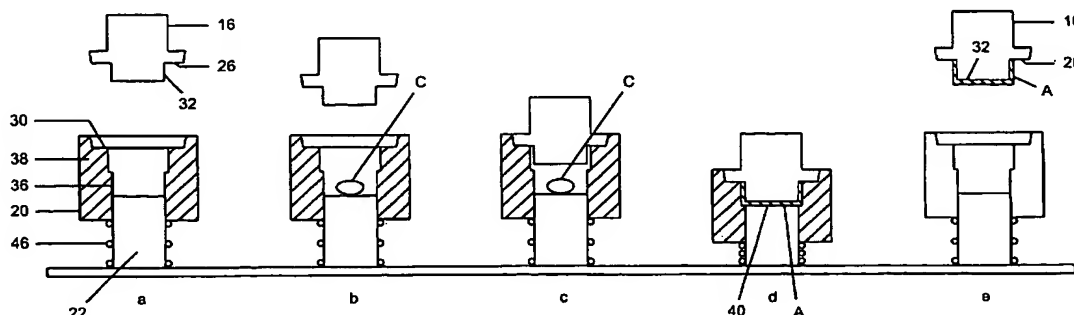
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(57) Abstract: A method of moulding is disclosed which comprises opening a mould by separating one mould component (16) from another mould component (18) to provide a space which opens upwardly. A lower part of the space is in the form of a well (W). A charge of mouldable material is fed into the space from above so that the charge falls into the well. The mould is closed by displacing the mould components (16, 18) into contact with one another thereby to define a closed moulding cavity which is extended downwardly by the well. The volume of the well is then reduced by displacing a plunger (22) which bounds the bottom of the well relatively to the mould components thereby to displace mouldable material from the well into the moulding cavity and fill said moulding cavity.

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